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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN PRESS QUOTES AMBASSADOR POPPER'S SEA OUTLET

1. BOLIVIA'S MAJOR DAILIES CARRIED SANTIAGO DATED LINED STORIES ON DECEMBER 4, HEADLINING AMERICAN INTEREST IN BOLIVIA'S SEA OUTLET PROBLEM, TRIGGERED BY AMBASSADOR POPPER'S STATEMENTS IN SANTIAGO FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL. AMBASSADOR POPPER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE AND CARVAJAS DISCUSSED THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SEA OUTLET QUESTION WHICH, THE AMBASSADOR SAID, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WISHES TO COMPREHEND IN GREATER DETAIL.

2. MOST OF THE NEWSPAPERS GAVE BOXED AND HEADLINED FRONT PAGE SPACE TO THE STORY AND PLACED IN ADJACENT TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S REPLY TO BANZER'S CONGRATULATORY ELECTION LETTER, IN WHICH CARTER EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR STRENGTHENED TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BOLIVIA.

3. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS APPEARED FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER 4 ARTICLES, HOWEVER, NY TIMES CORRESPONDENT JUAN DE ONIS WHILE VISITING LA PAZ DID ASK THE AMBASSADOR IF THIS SIGNALED A CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY REGARDING THE ISSUE. (AMBASSADOR STEDMAN ASSURED HIM THAT IT DID NOT.)

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4. RETURNING TO THE GENERAL THEME, PRESS ACCOUNTS ON
DECEMBER 7 REPORT FOREIGN MINISTER ADRIAZOLA AS STATING
THAT THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT POSITION ON THE PERUVIAN
PROPOSAL AND THE CHILEAN REJECTION WILL BE MADE KNOWN
DURING THE COURSE OF THIS WEEK.
STEDMAN

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